

Bulletin Sentence: Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest: they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

Next Sunday is LWML Sunday. I’m sure by now everyone knows what this is. Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and all ladies young and old who are members in good standing with the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod are automatically members. This weekend we celebrate LWML with a display of just a few of the quilts made by our ladies. 400+ quilts and 200+ baby care kits were made this year for world relief. We’d be happy to have you join us on Wednesday mornings for Bible class from 9-10 am and then stay to help make quilts from 10—2 pm. Bring a lunch and have some fun with us, we have lots of laughs.

Trustees are collecting snow removal bids for 2017/18 season. Bid forms and coinciding contracts can be picked up at the office and must be returned by Monday, October 23rd.

Church Attendance September 30 & October 1, 2017
Saturday: 93 Sunday: 161

Offerings for September 30 & October 30 \$ **10,512.99** (Weekly need is \$11,461.54)
Door offering for Pastor Mahlburg \$851.48

Those serving this week:

Organist: A. Koch

Altar Guild for October: Darlene Pugsley 989-835-6572

Sat: ELDERS: Dennis Hyatt and Andy Diehl
USHERS: Don & Kathy Hilbrandt and Evan & Amy Bickham
Sun: ELDERS: Ralph Riske and Mark Treiber
USHERS: Cameron Koch, Hudson Gerstacker, Sophia Steelmon & John Olson

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Welcome

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

October 7 & 8, 2017

Psalms 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran
is to better know & show Christ’s love.

Worship Whys : Why are our orders of worship called "Divine Service"? In the Lutheran Service book there are a number of liturgies which all are called Divine Service and are numbered setting one through setting five. The title "Divine Service" is a translation of the German word *Gottesdienst* (literally "God-service" or "service of God"). By design the title can either be understood as service rendered to God or as God's service to people. As Lutherans we understand that both things happen in worship. The main actor in the Divine Service is God himself and not man. He forgives, He feeds us, He directs us. In response to His action we respond by our confession, prayers and songs of praise. The Word and Sacrament are gifts that God gives to his people in their worship.

The Practice of Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are instructed in the sacrament and one with us in faith take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have a questions about this. The center of the tray holds white non-alcoholic wine.

Our focus today is on giving to the Lord. God owns everything and we are stewards of what we have. God calls us to give some of what He has given us back to Him. We are to be generous and cheerful with our giving.

This week at Zion

Sun	08	Worship w/ Communion 9 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Member Class 10:15 AM Jr. Confirmation class 6-8 PM
Tue	10	Sr. Luncheon
Wed	11	Ladies Bible Class 9 AM Quilting 10 AM Faces of the Reformation Bible Study 6:30 PM Ladies of Zion Meeting 7 PM
Commitment Weekend		
Sat	14	Adult Bible Class 5:45 PM Worship 7 PM
Sun	15	Worship 9 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Member Class 10:15 AM Reformation Bus Trip Breslin Center

Retable Flowers are given in loving memory of Orin Mieske, from Connie and his family.

Pastor's Bible Class - *A Man Named Martin -- Part Three: The Movement* is a five-part video Bible study that will show how the Reformation accelerated the transformation of a world already in flux. While armed conflicts, theological disputes, and heated controversies marked segments of society throughout medieval Europe, the march of the Reformation left its imprint on the face of culture and citizen alike. Everything from education, politics, science, theology, marriage, and the family-and even extending to one's view of vocation and his relationship to God-came under the shaping and seminal influence of the Reformation. Please join us for the study Saturday at 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary or Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the Cafeteria as we grow in our faith!

Sunday School: Today in Sunday School, we study "Elijah Is Taken to Heaven." Elijah, like Enoch before him, was taken into heaven alive. Jesus, who is our great Elijah, ascended alive into heaven for us and our salvation. You might discuss, "*Why was Elisha concerned about Elijah's departure from earth? In what way was Jesus' ascension into heaven different from Elijah's?*"

Discussion Bible Class led by LeRoy Engelhardt will continue their study of (*The Lutheran Difference*). They will meet in the conference room after Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

All are invited to join us in the gym Sunday, October 29 after worship for a Reformation celebration and brunch. We hope you will join us! - The Fellowship Team & Board of Parish Ed.

Faces of the Reformation Bible Study – Please join us Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the school meeting room as we learn about: "As Luther's mentor and confessor, Johann von Staupitz knew all about Luther's struggle with being "holy enough." He encouraged Luther to study for his Doctor of Theology degree and had him come teach at the university in Wittenberg. That's where Luther became aware of the true Gospel—and that was the very beginning of the Reformation. Staupitz had no idea what his advice to Luther was unleashing!" Babysitting provided; please contact Chris List (989) 600-9035 to set up or if you have any other questions.

Many people recognize the name Martin Luther when they think of the Reformation, but this era was filled with other fascinating personalities and dramatic changes across every aspect of human life throughout the Western world. *The Reformation* is a richly illustrated and engagingly written overview of this amazing time of change and renewal in the Christian Church and helps the reader sort through the complex chain of events that shook both church and state to their very foundations. You'll want to display this exquisite book on your coffee table or anywhere you can easily flip through this informative and beautiful book. Please contact the church office by October 13th if you would like to order one. The cost is \$22.49. Stop by the church office to see a preview of the book.

Wellspring Auxiliary (Former Lutheran Child & Family Services) will be collecting cleaning supplies such as, dish soap, household cleaners, laundry soap mops and brooms, and new socks for kids and adults and new underwear for kids, boys and girls prior to their October 26th convention. If you would like to participate, please drop off to the basket in the narthex. Thank you.

Attention Bus riders to the Reformation service at the Breslin Center October 15: Plans are the same. Loading at Zion starting at 11. Departing 11:30. Grand Traverse Pie box lunch and beverages provided before we arrive at the Breslin Center. Snack sack and beverage provided on the way home. **Itinerary: Sunday: 10-2 p.m.** Congregation Door Drop off at the Breslin Center. **12:30 p.m.** Registration for Festival Choir Members (NW Kalamazoo entrance) **1 p.m.** Festival Choir Rehearsal Begins (Arena) **1:15 p.m.** Registration for Honors Choir Members (NW Kalamazoo Entrance) **2 p.m.** Honors Choir Joins Festival Choir for Rehearsal (Arena) - Concourse Displays open for General Attendees, **4 p.m.** Honors choir Pre-Service Concert (Arena) **5 p.m.** Worship Service Begins (Arena) **6:30 p.m.** Approximate Worship Service Ending.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL our brothers and sisters in Christ for your time, talents, and treasures at our annual smorgasbord. Without your many donations and your willingness to help and serve, it would not have been the success it was. May God richly bless you all. The Ladies of Zion

Apple pie work days are Friday, October 10/13 from 8-12. Thursday, October 19th from 1-4 or 4-7 and 7 until done. Friday, October 20th from 8-12 or 12 until done, and Saturday, October 21st from 6:30-9:30 or 9:30-12:30 and 12:30 until done. We have over 2400 pies to make this year! We could use your help on any of these days. Thank you once again for all of your support!